



Begin: take this time to hear how everyone is doing, and get settled in.

- What is something to celebrate this week?
- **IceBreaker:** Think of a place or season of your life that felt like a wasteland. What would it have looked like for that place to come back to life?

Listen: This is for reflection on Sunday's Sermon and thoughts from the message.

- What stood out to you about this week's message?
- Is there anything you are still thinking about or have questions about?

Discover: Take time to dig deeper into the passage/topic for this week.

- **Read: Isaiah 34:1-4 and Isaiah 35:1-10**

- Isaiah 34:13 describes a wasteland — thorns, nettles, a home for wild creatures
What does this picture reveal about the real cost of rebellion against God?
- Isaiah 35:1-2 says the wilderness and dry land will be glad, and the desert will "blossom abundantly" and rejoice with singing. What does it mean that the very ground that was cursed becomes the site of celebration?
- Vs 3-4 call God's people to "strengthen the weak hands" and say to the fearful, "Be strong; fear not!" because God Himself is coming. Why is this word given to people who are weak and afraid rather than people who already feel ready?
- Vs 5-6 promise the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will leap — wilderness bursting with springs. What does healing of bodies alongside the healing of land suggest about the completeness of what God restores?

Apply: Take time to apply these Biblical Truths to your life.

- What part of your life currently feels like the wasteland of chapter 34 — dry, thorny, void of life?
- Verse 4 says God comes "with vengeance... he will come and save you" — judgment and salvation in the same breath. How does holding both together change the way you see God's justice?
- The desert didn't bloom on its own, God caused it. How are you trying to force growth or healing in your own strength instead of waiting on Him to bring it?
- The Highway of Holiness is a path kept clear for the redeemed to walk without wandering. What practices or people in your life function like guardrails, keeping you on that path?
- **MY ONE THING** — What is your 1 takeaway from this study, and how will it impact your upcoming week?

Pray: Feel free to pray in a way that best fits your group. Take time each week to pray with and for each other.

Notes: Space for you notes from your time together.

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THE DESERT SHALL REJOICE AND BLOSSOM LIKE THE CROCUS."

ISAIAH 35:1

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